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TAGS: TECH, MX (JUAN ISLAS FUSTER)

SUBJECT: TECHNICIAN EXCHANGE - EXTENSION OF PARTICIPANT

ISLAS FUSTER

REF: MEXICO 3249

1. DEPTOFF ADVISED GE PITTSFIELD OF CONACYT DECISION NOT TO EXTEND PARTICIPANT ISLAS BEYOND MAY 31, AS PER REFTEL.

2. GE, EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION HAD BEEN MADE SOLELY ON BASIS OF MERIT OF FURTHER TRAINING AND SUCCESS OF TRAINING TO DATE;

B) ALTHOUGH REP OF GE SUBSIDIARY MEXICO HAD MET ISLAS DURING CONSULTATION AT PITTSFIELD AND HAD BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED, GE HAD MADE NO OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT AND THUS OBJECTIVE OF FURTHER TRAINING WOULD NOT BE TO GROOM ISLAS FOR POSITION IN MEXICO;

C) GE UNDERSTOOD FROM ISLAS THAT HE HAD OBLIGATIONS TO CONACYT UNDER TERMS OF FELLOWSHIP AWARD NOT TO CONSIDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMPLOYMENT UNTIL AFTER HIS RETURN TO MEXICO AND ISLAS HAD

SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERED TO THOSE OBLIGATIONS; AND

D) GE NOT IN A POSITION TO UNDERWRITE COSTS OF
FURTHER TRAINING.

3. GE FELT IT HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY PATIENT WITH ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE SHORTCOMINGS OF PROGRAM (INADEQUATE SUBSISTANCE
ALLOWANCE, ITS NON-RECEIPT) AND EXPRESSED RESENTMENT AT
WHAT IT REGARDED AS CYNICAL ATTITUDE ON PART OF CONACYT.
GE OFFICIAL SAID GE COULD NOT HELP BUT BE DISINCLINED TO
WORK OUT TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FUTURE PARTICIPANTS.

4. DEPT PRESENTED CONACYT DECISION AS FINAL AND DID NOT
OFFER TO HAVE THE SUBJECT RAISED WITH CONACYT AGAIN. WE
DID PROVIDE GE WITH NAME OF CONACYT OFFICIAL VARGAS, SHOULD
GE REP MEXICO WISH TO SPEAK WITH VARGAS DIRECTLY, BUT GE
DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER IT WOULD DO SO.

5. ABOVE PROVIDED PRIMARILY FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION.
SHOULD YOU JUDGE IT USEFUL TO INFORM CONACYT OF GE REAC-
TION, DEPT OF COURSE WOULD NOT OBJECT. KISSINGER

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